

ONCE UPON
A TIME, THERE WAS
A WARRIOR.





THOUGH SHE
DEVOTED HERSELF
TO HER KINGDOM...

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
I HAVE NO INTEREST
IN POWER! ME,
A TRAITOR...?



A man with dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark hooded cloak, is shown in profile, looking down. The background is a dark blue night sky with some foliage visible. There are three speech bubbles: one at the top left, one in the middle right, and one at the bottom right.

YES, I KNOW.
I KNOW YOU BETTER
THAN ANYONE.

BUT THE KING
HAD ALREADY MADE
A DEAL WITH THE ENEMY
KINGDOM OF BLIANA
BECAUSE HE WAS
BLINDED BY FEAR.

THEY

WANT YOU
DEAD.

AND I...



SHING

...HAVE

BEEN TASKED
TO DO IT.

SO...



...ARE
YOU GOING TO
KILL ME?





HAHAHA,
DON'T BE
SILLY.

HOW COULD
I POSSIBLY KILL YOU?
I PRACTICALLY RAISED
YOU MYSELF.

THE KING
MUST HAVE GIVEN
ME THIS TASK BECAUSE
HE COUNTS ON YOU TO

NOT FIGHT BACK
AGAINST ME.

JUST NOW,
YOU DIDN'T BLOCK ME
WHEN YOU COULD HAVE.
I DON'T RECALL RAISING
YOU TO BE SUCH
A WEAKLING.



YOU HAVE FAR
TOO MUCH HEART
FOR A WARRIOR.
GOOD GRIEF...

DON'T WORRY,
DULLAHAN.



A comic book panel featuring a character from the chest up, wearing a purple robe. The character's face is partially visible at the top. A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble is positioned in the lower center of the frame, containing text. The background is a dark blue sky with some white, stylized clouds or smoke on the right side.

I WILL
CONVINCE THE
KING SOMEHOW.
I WON'T LET
YOU DIE.

HER KINGDOM
BETRAYED HER.

HE MAY HAVE
RETIRED, BUT HE
WAS QUITE STRONG.
IT WAS DIFFICULT
TO DEFEAT HIM.





THERE
YOU ARE,
DULLAHAN.

DON'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT DOING
ANYTHING FOOLISH!
WE FED THIS WOMAN
SPECIAL POISON
FROM BLIANA!





URK

IF SHE
DOESN'T TAKE
THE ANTIDOTE BY THE
END OF THE DAY,
SHE'LL DIE!

GRAB



MOTHER...!

**EVEN THE PEOPLE
WHO HAD ADORED THE
HERO ALL THIS TIME WERE
FOOLED BY THE FALSE
ACCUSATIONS...**

KILL HER!

RAAAH!

RAAAH!





...AND CRITICIZED HER,
AS THOUGH ALL OF
HER ACHIEVEMENTS NO
LONGER MATTERED.

I KNEW SHE WAS
TOO STRONG TO BE
A MERE HUMAN! I CAN'T
BELIEVE SHE'S THE DEMON
LORD SEEKING TO TAKE
OVER HUMANITY!





THAT'S RIGHT!
I WONDERED WHY
SHE WAS ALWAYS SO
CHEERFUL EVEN THOUGH
SHE FOUGHT IN SO
MANY BATTLES!

AND HONESTLY,
OUR KINGDOM IS
GROWING EVEN WITHOUT
DULLAHAN'S HELP!

EXACTLY! DIDN'T
I TELL YOU HER
SMILE MAKES ME
SHUDDER?

SMIRK

HEAR, HEAR!
SHE'S NOT
EVEN HUMAN!
KILL HER!



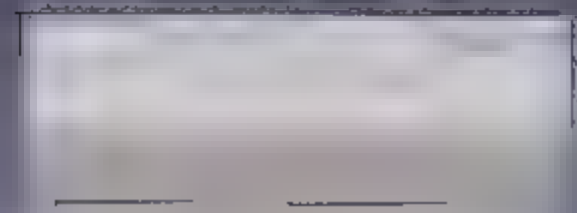
HUMANS ARE
SO OPEN-MINDED
WHEN THEY ARE
HUNGRY...

BUT AS SOON
AS THEY ARE FULL,
THEY BECOME FOOLS
WHO FIGHT OVER
THE SMALLEST
MATTERS.

AND SO,
THE WARRIOR WAS
SENTENCED TO
DEATH.



PLEASE...
KEEP YOUR
PROMISE.



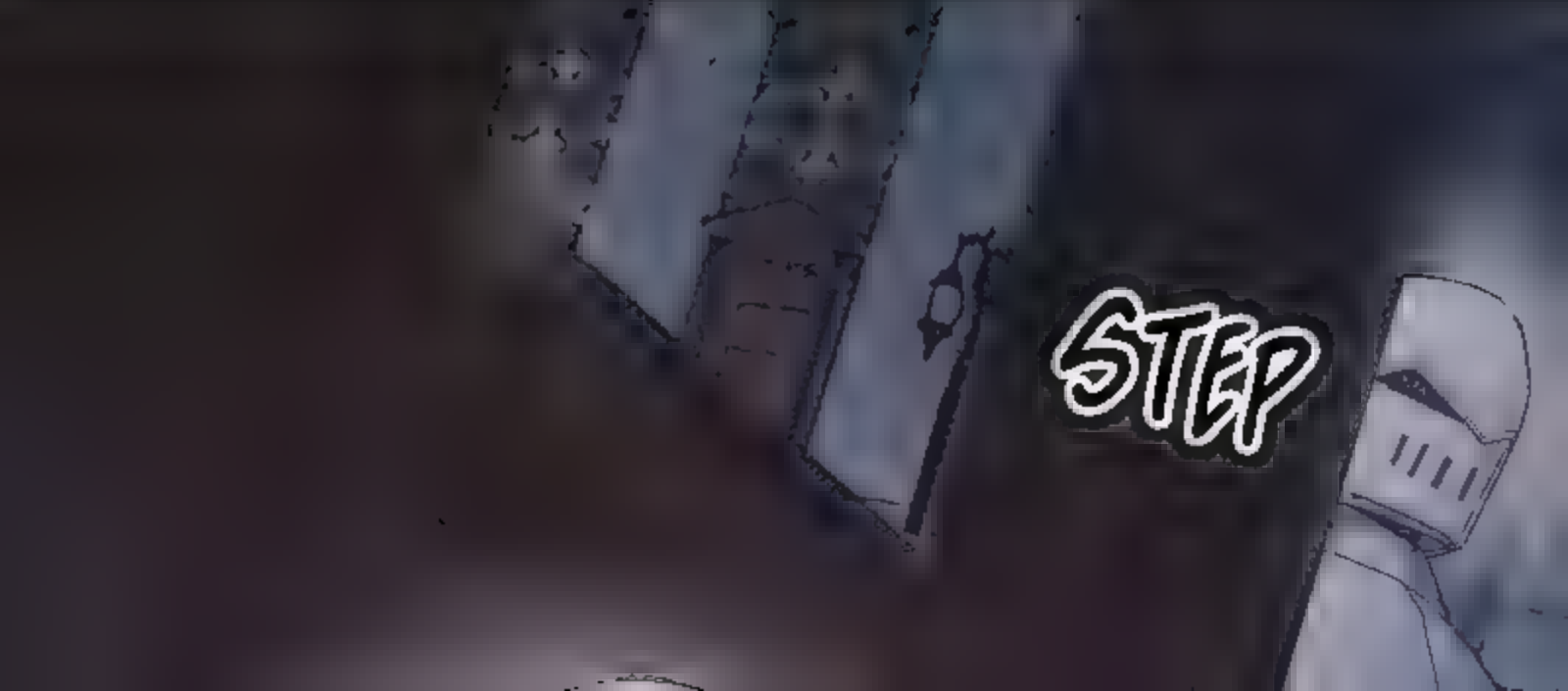
OF COURSE. YOUR
MOTHER WILL BE GIVEN
THE ANTIDOTE AS SOON
AS YOU HAVE BEEN
EXECUTED.



NO... PLEASE
DON'T DO THIS,
MY CHILD!



EXECUTE
HER!



STEP



MOTHER...

I WAS ONCE
A SUBORDINATE
OF YOURS,
DULLAHAN.



WHATEVER YOU
MIGHT ACTUALLY BE,
YOU WERE ONLY EVER
GOOD TO ME.

BEFORE YOU DIE,
I FEEL I OWE YOU
THE TRUTH.

THAT
ANTIDOTE IS
FAKE.

WHAT?!





WHY WOULD
THE KING LET
YOUR MOTHER
LIVE...

...WHEN
SHE WOULD HAVE
A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM
FOR KILLING HER
DAUGHTER?



PANT

SHIRT

PANT

MY DEAR...





...PLEASE
SURVIVE.



FWUMP





OH MY!
SHE WASN'T
SUPPOSED TO
DIE ALREADY!





EXECUTE HER
AT ONCE!

SLICE





BUT...



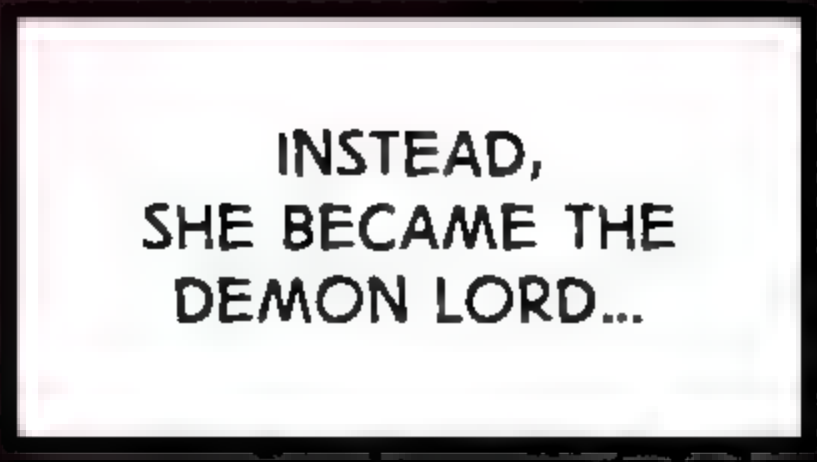
THE MONSTER
IS DEAD!

...THE WARRIOR
DIDN'T DIE.

WH...



WHAT IN THE
WORLD?!



INSTEAD,
SHE BECAME THE
DEMON LORD...





AAARGH

EEK

...JUST AS THEY HAD
MADE HER TO BE.

AS TIME PASSED BY,
THE DEMON LORD'S
NOTORIETY ONLY
GREW...

...AND MANY
TRIED TO FIGHT
HER...

IT'S BEEN
A WHILE,
MORIAN.



STEP

DULLAHAN...!
HOW DID YOU FIND
ME?! ARE YOU HERE
TO KILL ME?



SLIP

I WOULD HAVE
DONE SO ALREADY
IF THAT WERE THE
CASE.

...BUT
THE DEMON LORD
DID NOT CARE FOR
SUCH THINGS.



I CAME TO
SEE YOU BECAUSE
I HEARD YOU ARE THE
UTMOST AUTHORITY
ON MAGIC.

IS THERE
ANY MAGIC THAT
CAN REVIVE THE
DEAD...?

WHEN SHE
REALIZED THAT THERE
WAS NO WAY TO REVIVE

WAS NO WAY TO REVIVE
HER LOVED ONES...





...THE DEMON LORD
BECAME INDIFFERENT
TO EVERYTHING.

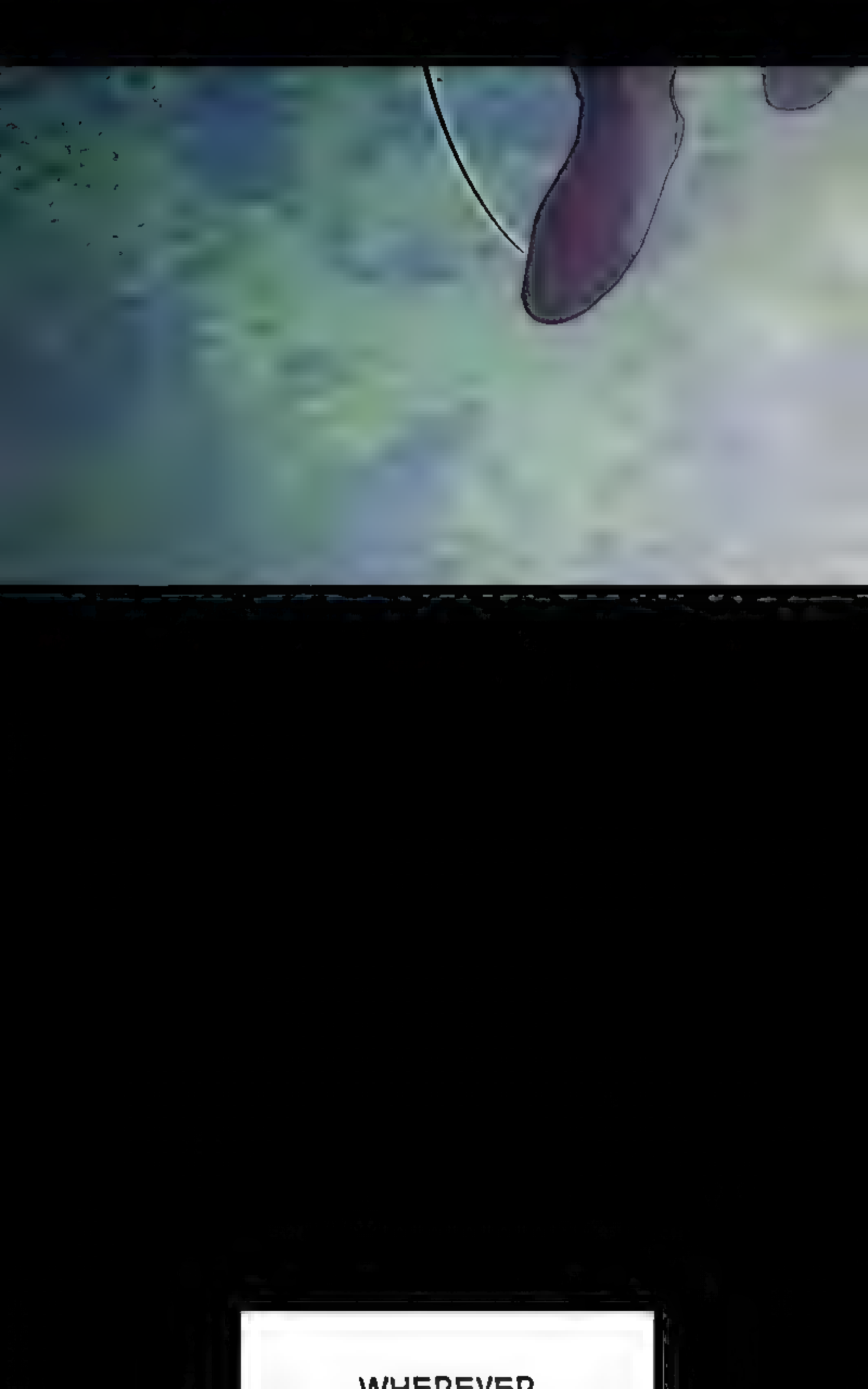
ALL HER TREASURES
AND GOLD, AS WELL AS THE
OCCASIONAL ENEMIES TRYING
TO DESTROY HER ONLY SERVED

AS FLEETING AMUSEMENT.

BUT
THEY COULD NOT
FILL THE EMPTINESS
IN HER HEART.



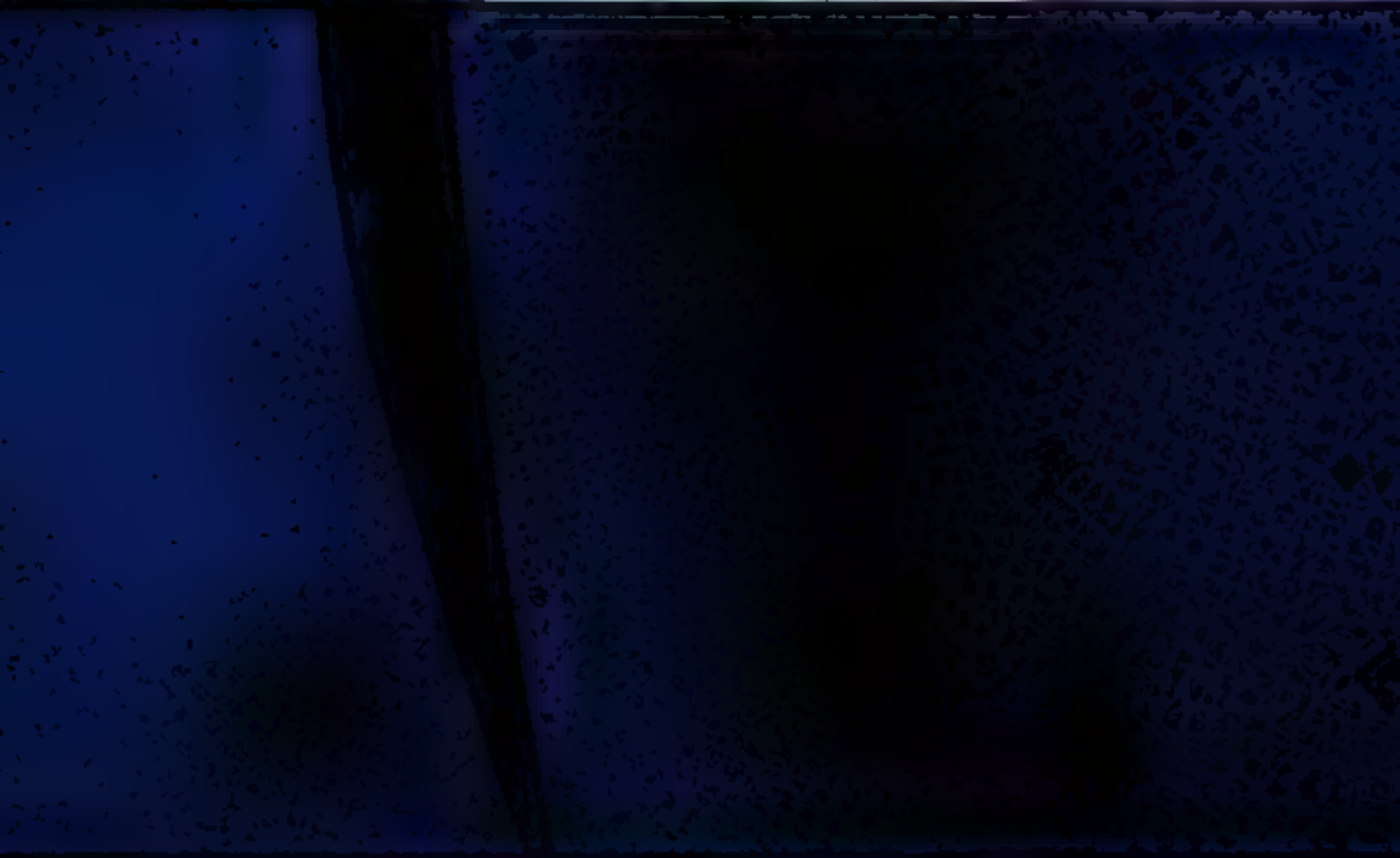
THE DEMON LORD
THEN BEGAN TO ROAM
THE WORLD, AS IF TRYING
TO FIND A PURPOSE.



WHEREVER

WHEREVER
SHE WENT,
DEMONS AROSE,
AND HUMANS
SUFFERED...







...BUT
THE DEMON LORD
HAD NO AFFECTION LEFT
FOR THE HUMAN RACE,
SO THIS DID NOT
CONCERN HER.

BUT...

DUN



A stylized, high-contrast illustration. In the upper half, a person is depicted from the waist up, wearing a red dress and a white top. Their hands are positioned in front of them, holding a dark, indistinct object. The background is a mix of brown and grey tones with some texture. Below the figure, a white, irregularly shaped speech bubble contains the text "C-COME AT ME...!". The bottom half of the image is a solid dark grey or black area.

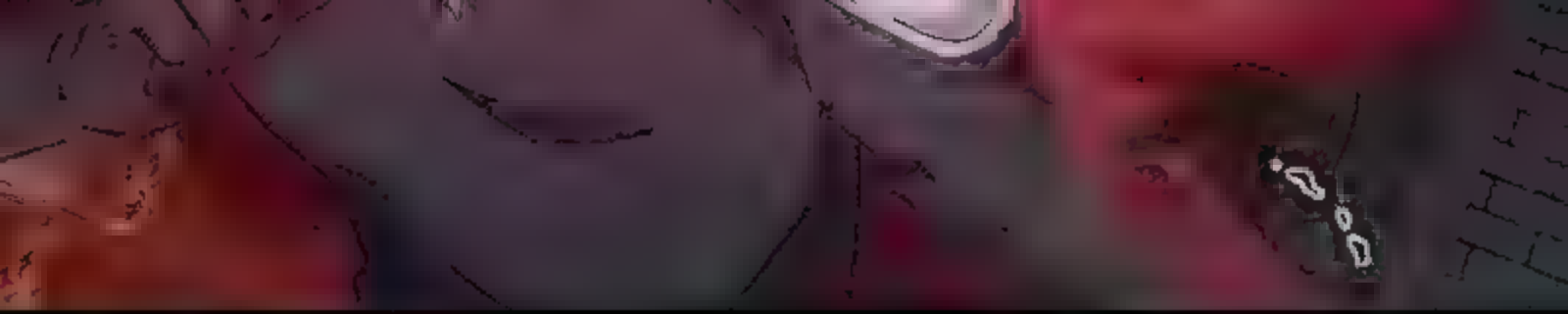
C-COME
AT ME...!

GRAAAAY



P-PLEASE DON'T
KILL ME!







...THEN SHE
MET A HUMAN.



YOU RAN AWAY
CRYING LAST TIME.
WHY ARE YOU
BACK?

I WENT EASY
ON YOU BEFORE

ON YOU BEFORE.
DO YOU TRULY
WISH TO DIE?

B-BUT...!



I HAVE
TO GET RID OF
YOU TO PROTECT
MY VILLAGE....!





SHE SAW
HER PAST SELF
IN THIS HUMAN...









The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of fabric, with a white rectangular box in the lower center containing text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The background has a mottled appearance with various shades of dark gray and black, and some lighter, circular patterns that look like rivets or holes. The white box is positioned in the lower half of the image, and the text is centered within it.

...AND WAS
ONCE AGAIN
BETRAYED.



BUT WHEN SHE
FOUND THE HUMAN'S
DESCENDANT TO ENACT
HER REVENGE...





I WILL
KILL YOU.



A MUCH MORE
APPROPRIATE THING
TO SAY WOULD BE...
"I LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH
YOU."

...SHE ENDED UP
LEARNING TO TRUST
HUMANS AGAIN.



DON'T
DO THIS,
LAHAN!

I THOUGHT I'D
NEVER GET TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!!!



HIC...!
I'M SO GLAD...
SO, SO GLAD...!



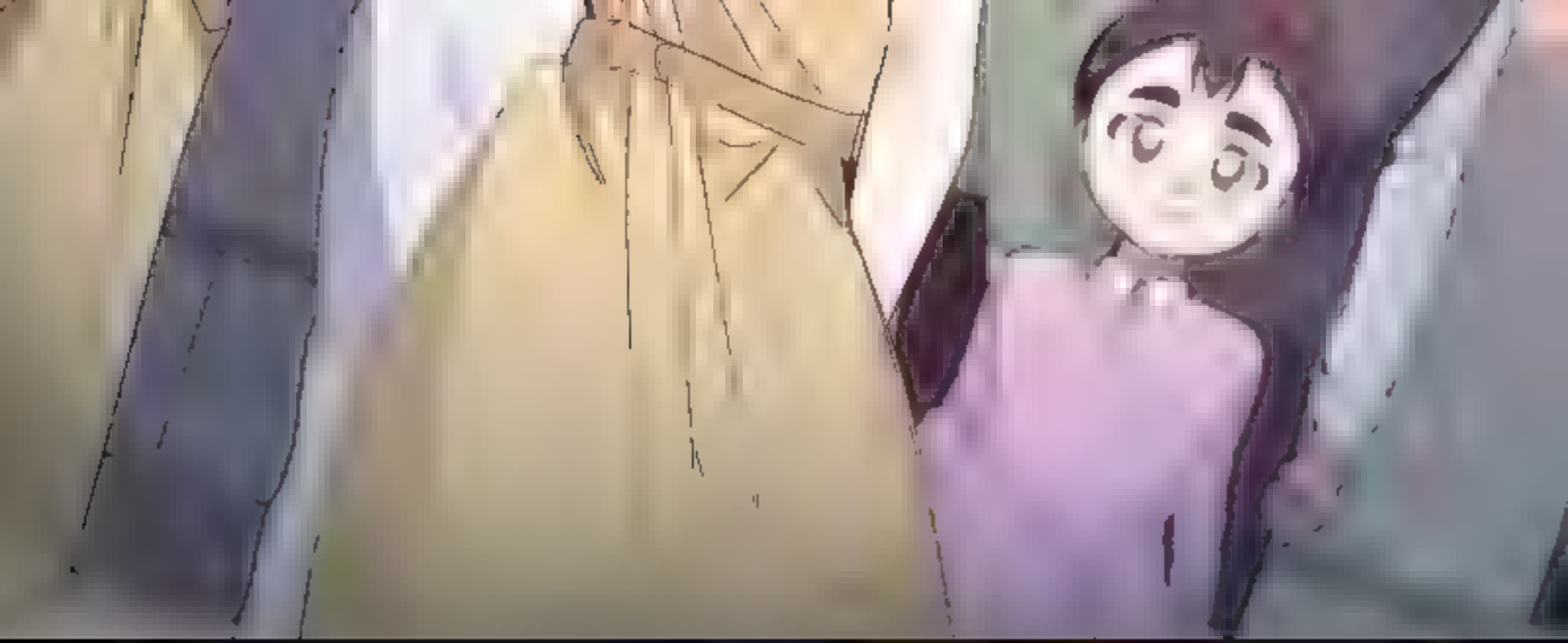


LAHAN!
YONGRAE!



ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?!





WE ARE
FINE!

WHAT
JUST HAPPENED?!

WAIT, WHY IS YOUR
HAIR SHORT?!



I CUT IT
FOR A CHANGE
OF PACE!

SHE COULD NOW
UNDERSTAND THEM...

YOU KNOW,
LEONARD...



...KEPT
SEARCHING THE
SEA FOR YOUR
HEAD AFTER
THAT DAY.

WHAT?!
BUT WHY?



I DON'T
KNOW WHY, EXACTLY,
BUT THE LAST TIME I MET
HIM WAS AFTER I HEARD
YOU WERE DEAD...

...AND
AFTER THAT, HE
WENT OUT ON A SHIP,
NEVER TO BE SEEN
AGAIN.

HE LEFT BEHIND
ALL HIS AUTHORITY
AND THE WOMAN HE

WAS GOING TO MARRY,
SO HE CAN'T HAVE HAD
ANY CHILDREN.

MAYBE
YONGRAE KIM
REALLY IS HIS
REINCARNATION.

I DO NOT
KNOW...





BUT I DO KNOW
THAT YONGRAE IS
SIMPLY YONGRAE.

...AND GREW
TO LOVE THEM.

I'LL GET
GOING NOW.

I DON'T
KNOW IF WE'LL
MEET AGAIN, SO HAVE
A NICE LIFE, DU...
I MEAN, LAHAN.



I DON'T KNOW. I HAVE
A LOT TO THINK ABOUT,
SO I THOUGHT I MIGHT GO
TO SEE MY DESCENDANTS
SPREAD OUT ACROSS
THE WORLD.

THEY'RE PROBABLY
OUT THERE MAKING
A LIVING AS FORTUNE
TELLERS OR SOME

TELLERS OR SOME
SUCH THING.

SEE YOU!

FLUTTER





ARE YOU
DONE TALKING
WITH HER?

WITH HER?



YES,
I FOUND OUT
SOME THINGS ABOUT
MY PAST I WAS NOT
AWARE OF.







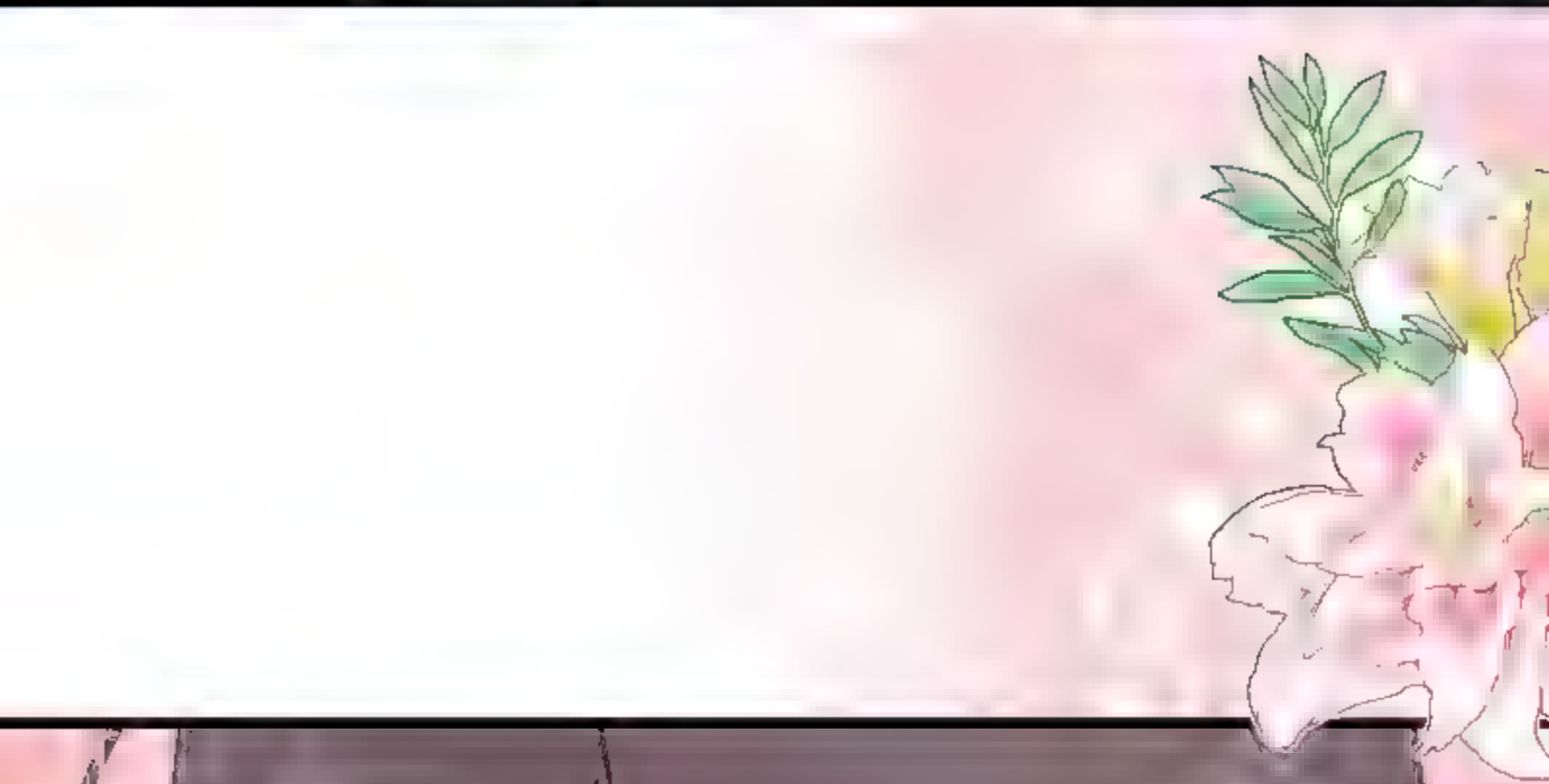
I ALREADY
FORGOT

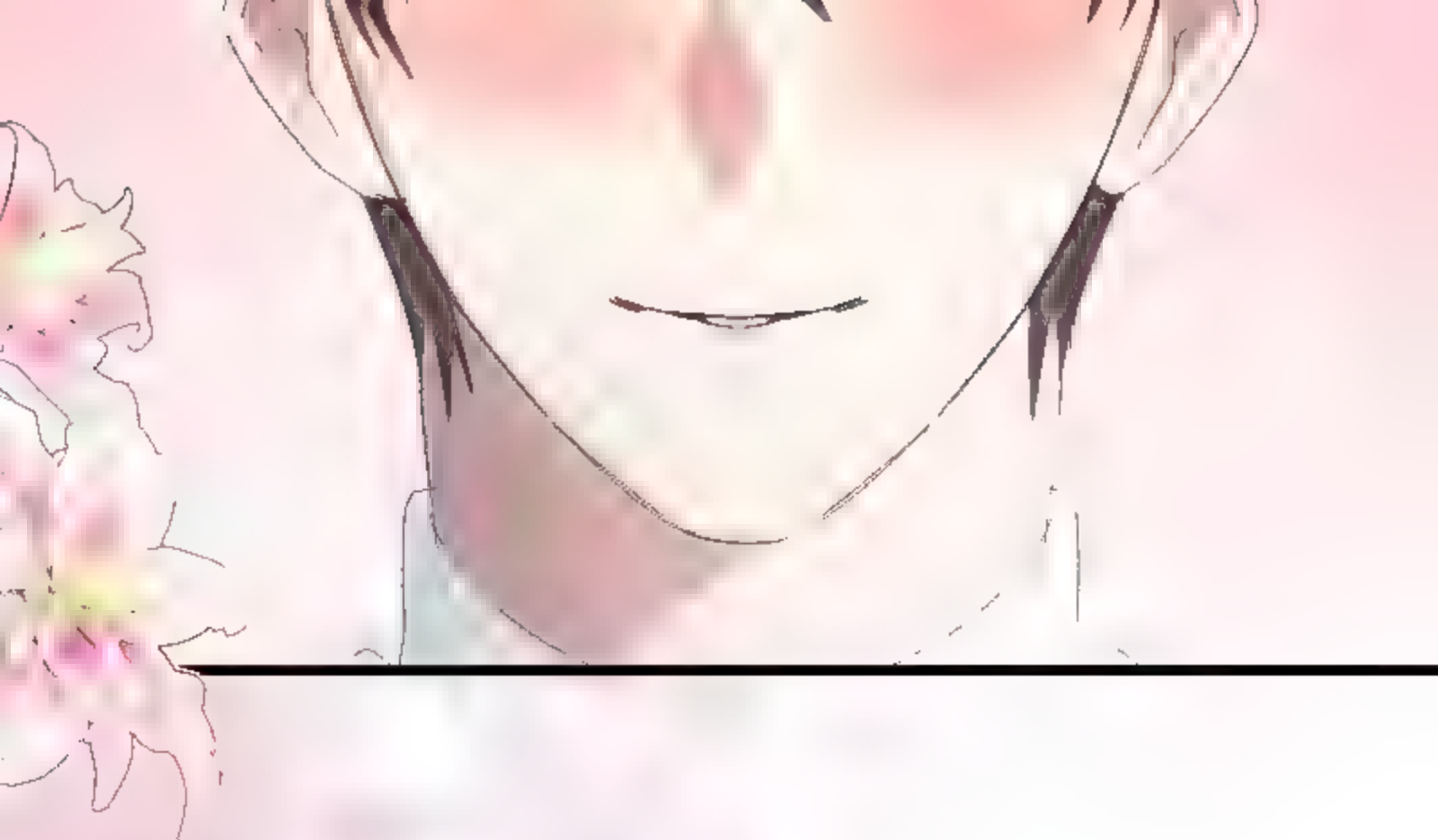
FORGOT.

I AM MORE
INTERESTED
IN OUR FUTURE.



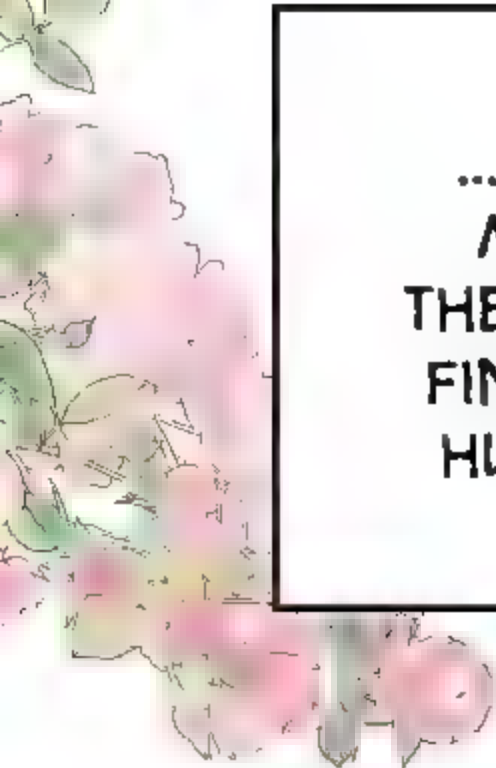






IT'S LATE.





...AFTER MANY,
MANY YEARS,
THE DEMON LORD
FINALLY BECAME
HUMAN AGAIN...

...MET A HUMAN
SHE LOVED...



...AND
LIVED HAPPILY
EVER AFTER.







HMM... I'VE
NEVER HEARD
THAT ONE!



NOISY



CHATTER



WELL...



...IT'S ABOUT
MY MOM AND
DAD!





New Hero

The New **White** is the **Demon Lord**

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